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in convention, when you do so, let me beg of you to forbear from indulging at times in the expression of little personal animosities; for the sake of the great and good cause in view, rise above self; personal bickerings do no good; they only tend to divert attention from the main subject and belittle those who engage in them.

I mean no reflection upon the convention recently held out of the city, but remembermg with pain and mortification little personal matters that have disgraced those held in this city in times past, I drop a line for the consideration of my friends who may take part in such meetings in the future. Faithfully, your friend,

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The Convention and Civil Rights.

We clip the following from the Boston Weekly Journal and are happy to notice so much interest evinced by our Northern friends for the welfare of the colored people:

for the welfare of the colored people:

In the well-considered and effective speech which Mr. Dawes made in accepting the chairmanship of the Republican Convention at Worcester, there were many statements of principle so clearly and tersely put that they might well be taken for Republican mottoes, and emblazoned on the standards of the party. Chief among them we rank his quanciation of the duty of Republicans, and especially of Massachusetts Republicans, with regard to the Civil Rights bill. "Massachusetts," said Mr. Dawes, "has a sacred legacy in the civil rights bill which she cannot barter away, nor entrust to any unfriendlegacy in the civil rights bill which she cannot barter away, nor entrust to any unfriendly keeping." To this decisration of its presiding officer the Convention a little later gave an emphatic indorsement by passing a resolution condemning the outrages perpetrated by the White Leaguers of the South, and calling for the amplest protection of each individual in his civil rights and privileges as the first duty of national government. There can be no mistaking the position of Massachusetts Republicans on this most important question, and the men who represent us in either branch of Congress will be false to the principles of the party if they fail to give their influence unreservedly to the passage of the Civil Bill Action 19 their influence unreservedly to the passage of the Civil Rights bill. That bill is, as Mr. Dawes said, peculiarly the legacy of Massa-chusetts; it is the seal of the work done by chusetts; it is the seal of the work done by
this Commonwealth during the long agitation
against slavery, and in the trying years of
the war; it is the product of the sagacity,
the patriotism, the humanity of the distinguished Senator who bore so active and so
unselfish a part in that struggle; and it is the
are without whose enactment there
that the work accomplished by the
the party may sometime be over-

The events now transpiring in the South, in spite of the efforts made to falsify or conceal them, reveal a condition of affairs which recalls the palmiest days of Ku-Kluxism. The same anonymous threats; the same assaults by gangs of masked men; the same whippings, shootings, hangings and house burnings are reported now, daily, as in the days before the National Government laid its strong hands upon the Ku-Klux. The White Leagues are nothing less than the old Ku-Klux Klans revived and rechristened. More moderate and covert in their operations at first, they have grown bolder as they have perfected their organization and equipment; and in Alabama, Louisiana, Tennessee, and other of the Southern States they make no secret of their purpose to drive away white Republicans and intimidate the blacks. We make no reference now to the multitudious reports of outrages which come up from every portion of the South, but which take a form so vague that the Democratic up from every portion of take a form so vague that the Democratic press finds it convenient to wave them away as myths. We refer to such deeds as the massacre of white Republicans at Coushatta; the assassination of the colored mail agent in Alabama; the atrocious murder of a young colored school teacher and the slaughter in cold blood of ten or a dozen helpless colored prisoners in Tennessee. These are facts so patent and so well known that the Northern Democratic press cannot deny them, or give them the appearance of "electioneering tricks." We refer, further, to the tone of the Southern Democratic press, which calls for just such outrages as these, and when they are committed, applauds them and shields their perpetrators.

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Such a condition of affairs demonstrates, plainly enough, that the Republican party has not yet fulfilled its mission. There is work before it hardly less important than that already done, and unless the new duties are met manfully it is possible that the results already obtained may count for nothing. Such considerations may well suffice to silence all local differences and to unite all silence all local differences and to unite all the members of the porty in the great work that lies before it. It is said that the party lines are growing wavy; that party princi-ples are indistinct; and that there is a total lack of issues on which to keep up the old party organizations. Here, however, we have an issue, plain, distinct and unmistak-able; the Republican party of Massachu-setts, the Republican party of the United States, demands civil rights for all citizens, black and white, and promises protection black and white, and promises protection and safety to all.

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